

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 10, 2001

FROM: MARK H. UFFER, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH PROVIDERS OF PRIMARY CARE
SERVICES TO COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM PATIENTS**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1, effective April 10, 2001, to Agreement No. 2000-34 with Arlene Braham, MD, which increases the per member per month fee from \$9.50 to \$13.50 when providing primary care services to County Medical Services Program (CMSP) patients.
2. Approve Amendment No. 1, effective April 10, 2001, to Agreement No. 2000-169 with Medical Personnel Management Corporation, which increases the per member per month fee from \$9.50 to \$13.50 when providing primary care services to County Medical Services Program (CMSP) patients.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On January 5, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved agreement No. 2000-34 with Arlene Braham, MD, to provide for primary care to CMSP patients under the CMSP program who are located in the high desert region of San Bernardino County. On March 28, 2000, the Board approved Agreement No. 2000-169 with Medical Personnel Management Corporation to provide for primary care to CMSP patients under the CMSP program who are located in the inland region of San Bernardino County.

Since approval of these two agreements, enrollment in the CMSP program has continued to increase. As a result of this increase, the Medical Center has assigned additional CMSP patients to the High Desert Community Care Center, which is operated by Arlene Braham, MD, and to the Sierra Family Health Center, which is operated by Medical Personnel Management, Corporation.

Both agreements provide for a per member per month rate of \$9.50. Because of the increase in CMSP patients assigned to these clinics, and due to increased costs in providing quality medical care to the County's CMSP patients, it is necessary to increase the per member per month rate paid to these providers from \$9.50 to \$13.50.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Dean Arabatzis) and County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel).

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: Amendment of these agreements increases the per member per month rate from \$9.50 to \$13.50. The number of CMSP patients who live in the service area of each clinic fluctuates each month, which effects the total monthly payment to these providers. On an average, there are approximately 2000 CMSP patients living in each of these service areas and assigned to each clinic. These amendments will result in an approximate increase from \$19,000 to \$27,000 per month per vendor. Monies to support these increases are included in realignment funds.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): These clinics are located in the First and Fifth Districts, however; all districts have access to these clinics.

PRESENTER: Mark H. Uffer, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center